



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

Joyce Dry Pole Timber Sale, #30-083961 and attached forest practice application #2609770 is a proposed two unit partial cut harvest of select high value forest products. The proposed gross area totals 125 acres, with 97.6 net acres to be harvested. The sale unit is located within the Port Angeles, Sutherland-Aldwell and Salt Creek Watershed Administrative Units in Clallam County. Unit 1 is located 5.8 miles west of Port Angeles and Unit 2 is located 16.1 miles west of Port Angeles. The harvest will generate an estimated 856 mbf of timber.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120)

The proposal is within an owl management area however the proposal acres do not meet northern spotted owl habitat criteria and are considered non-habitat.

Marbled Murrelet: (Procedure PR-14-004-320)

This proposal is not located within any reclassified marbled murrelet habitat. Unit 1 contains 25.5 acres of released marbled murrelet habitat, with 3.3 acres in the Sutherland-Aldwell WAU and 22.2 acres in the Port Angeles WAU. Over 50% of reclassified habitat in each WAU remains. Unit 2 is just south of a designated habitat polygon and operations in Place Pit will have daily timing restrictions due to proximity to occupied murrelet habitat.

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): (Procedure PR-14-004-150)

No RMZs nor WMZs are involved in this proposal. One forested wetland of less than ¼ acre has been tagged out to prevent equipment entry. Two Type 5 streams were excluded along the west side of Unit 1.

Roads:

Road activities associated with this harvest include:

- 2,922 feet of required new construction includes the installation of five cross-drain culverts.
- 26,755 feet of required pre-haul/post-haul maintenance include grading, shaping, and spot patching.

Rock for this proposal will be acquired from DNR's Place Pit or an approved commercial source.

The following restrictions will apply:

Marbled murrelet timing restrictions as listed above will apply to Place Pit if used.

No construction, abandonment, pre/post-haul maintenance or rock-haul between November 1st and April 30th without written permission from the contract administrator.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The harvest units are located in Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24 of Township 30 North, Range 7 West, and Section 5 of Township 30 North, Range 8 West, Willamette Meridian. DNR's Place Pit is located in Section 23, Township 29 North, Range 7 West, Willamette Meridian.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 10, 2009. Comments must be submitted by March 24, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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